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Jharuar Beel Killing Ground

Jharuar Beel Killing Ground (Bengali: ঝাড়ুয়ার বিল বধ্যভূমি) is a historic site located in Ramnathpur Union of Badarganj Upazila, Rangpur District, Bangladesh. During the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971, the Pakistan Army and their local collaborators carried out mass killings here, executing and burying many innocent villagers in mass graves as part of the genocide. [1][2][3][4][5][6]

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Native name
ঝাড়ুয়ার বিল বধ্যভূমি (Bengali)

Location	Ramnathpur, Badarganj Upazila, Rangpur District, Bangladesh
Built	1971
Governing body	Local government / Heritage preservation authority

History

During the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971—particularly around April 17—widespread massacres took place in the Rangpur region. At Jharuar Beel and the surrounding wetlands, the Pakistan Army together with Al-Badr and Razakar forces captured and killed local residents. The bodies were dumped into the wetlands or buried in mass graves. According to eyewitnesses and local memorials, a large number of people were killed at this site. [7][8]

Location

Jharuar Beel is located within Ramnathpur Union, under Badarganj Upazila of Rangpur District. It is listed as both a historical and tourist site on local government and union web portals. [1]

Atrocities and Casualties

Based on local accounts and newspaper reports, hundreds—possibly thousands—of civilians were killed in this single event. Reports differ on the exact number of victims, and as of 2016, many such killing sites in Rangpur remained neglected due to the absence of proper preservation or memorial initiatives. [9]

Memorials and Preservation

Due to neglect, many of these killing fields and memorials have deteriorated over time. Both local residents and national organizations have called for proper preservation and restoration. While some memorials have been built at various sites, many in the Rangpur area still remain at risk because of inadequate maintenance. [10]

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